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## War Taxes Will be Increased

Ottawa, Feb. 11.—This afternoon Hon. W. T. White, Dominion Minister of Finance, in the most momentous budget speech in the history of the Dominion, outlined the measures by which the government proposes to raise \$30,000,000 by way of extra taxation. A partial summary of the new taxes follows:

Upon the note circulation of all banks one per cent.

Upon the gross income derived in Canada of every trust and loan company, one per cent.

Upon net premium of insurance companies other than life, fraternal, benefit and marine insurance, one per cent.

Upon every cable and telegraph company in Canada, one cent per message for which fifteen cents is charged; tax to be collected from sender.

Upon railway or steamship tickets purchased in Canada for any point in Canada, Newfoundland, the West Indian colonies or the United States, five cents for every ticket costing a dollar up to five dollars, and five cents for each additional five dollars.

Upon every birth in a sleeping car ten cents. Upon every seat in a parlor car ten cents. The company selling the tickets to collect the tax from purchaser.

Upon every person, firm or company carrying passengers by vessels outside of Canada, Newfoundland, the British West Indies and the United States, one dollar for each person buying a ticket up to ten dollars, three dollars over thirty dollars, five dollars over fifty dollars.

In addition the following stamp taxes will be imposed:

Upon all cheques, receipts to bank by depositors, and upon bills of exchange, two cents.

Upon all express and post office money orders, one cent.

Upon all letters and postal cards posted in Canada, one cent.

Upon bill of lading, two cents.

Upon all proprietary or patent medicines and perfumery, one cent for bottle or package costing ten cents or less, and one cent for every additional ten cents.

The wine taxes are five cents per quart or less upon non-sparkling wine sold in Canada, and five cents for each additional quart; twenty-five cents for every pint of champagne and sparkling wine and twenty-five cents for each additional pint.

There will also be large increase in customs duties.

## SPEECH FROM THRONE

### DEALS WITH NOTHING OUTSIDE OF THE WAR

Ottawa, Feb. 4.—The fifth session of the twelfth parliament opened at 3 o'clock this afternoon. Weather conditions were ideal. The sun shone brightly, the air was crisp, while there was an entire absence of wind. Promptly at 3 o'clock, to the accompaniment of the booming of guns on Nepean Point, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, with the Duchess, escorted by a body of the Princess Louise Dragoon Guards and attended by his new staff of aides, drove up to the parliament buildings, where they were received by a detachment of the Governor-General's Foot Guards. The guards stood at attention while the Governor-General alighted and entered the state chamber.

The guards in their brilliant red uniforms and the dragons

with their waving plumes seemed more than ever to belong to the past, so used have the public been since the outbreak of the war to the sight of the soldier on active service. Within the seat and hours of conference changes in the scenes were about the same as usually witnessed. The Duke, on the vice-regal throne, was surrounded by privy councillors in their Windsor uniforms, and by the officers of the headquarters staff.

In the commons there was a large attendance of members despite the absences at the front, and the fact that four or five new members recently elected could not take their seats, the seats not having been returned. S. Scott, of South Waterloo, was introduced. Some of them were here and were interested witnesses of the proceedings from the galleries. Shortly after 2 o'clock O. C. Blackford knocked at the door of the commons and announced the speaker and the committee to the general chamber, where the speech from His Royal Highness was read as follows:

Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate, Gentlemen of the House of Commons—During the months which have elapsed since the outbreak of the war, the people of Canada have given most abundant and convincing evidence of their firm loyalty to our sovereign and of their profound devotion to the institutions of the British Empire. Since I last addressed you an expeditionary force of more than 30,000 men has been safely dispatched across the Atlantic, and after arriving in the British Isles has been en route in completing its necessary training before proceeding to the front. Notwithstanding the unusually severe weather conditions which have prevailed in the British Isles, the training has proceeded satisfactorily, and it is anticipated that the force will shortly take its place in the field of action.

The earnest and resolute spirit of patriotism which animates the whole Dominion has evoked a magnificent response to the call for service beyond the seas. Large additional forces have been organized from which further contingents are ready to be dispatched as soon as the necessary arrangements for receiving them and completing their training can be completed.

Notwithstanding the inevitable disturbance of trade which was created by the outbreak of the war on so vast a scale, the financial and business conditions of the Dominion have shown great stability, and on the whole the country has adapted itself to the new conditions in a very effective way.

My advisers will submit for your consideration measures rendered necessary by the participation of this Dominion in the great task which our Empire has undertaken in this war.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons—The accounts for the last fiscal year will be laid before you immediately and the estimate for the new fiscal year will be submitted without delay. You will be asked to make an appropriate financial provision for necessary aid in the conduct of the war.

Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate, Gentlemen of the House of Commons—The strong unity of purpose which inspires His Majesty's Dominions gives us the firm assurance that the war has been undertaken will be maintained to an honorable and successful issue. I commend to your favorable consideration the measures which will be submitted to you for aiding that great purpose, and I pray that the Divine blessing may be vouchsafed to your deliberations.

## ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LIBERAL ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Lacombe Liberal Association was adjourned to Friday evening, February 19, at 8 o'clock, in F. Vicker's office. Liberals are requested to attend.

## Local News Items

Mr. and Mrs. Morrison were in Calgary this week.

Mrs. E. E. Cole left Tuesday for trip to the States.

Mr. and Mrs. Graham went to Calgary on Friday.

Peter Stanley Puffer has been at home this week from the military camp at Calgary. As the contingent is expected to start soon, this is probably the last day of the boys who have enlisted will have an opportunity to visit home before leaving for the front.

A telegram on Friday brought to Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Wilson the announcement of the sudden death of their little daughter at Chicago, where she had gone for an extended visit with Mrs. Moore on her return home a short time ago. Particulars have not yet been received.

## SUCCESSFUL CARNIVAL

As anticipated, the carnival held on Monday last was a great success. All but one of the events that go to make an enjoyable evening on the ice were present, and that one was absent owing to a misunderstanding which could not be remedied at the last hour, in spite of the fact that the phonograph did its best to drown out the absence of the band. There was a splendid array of costumes, both patriotic and otherwise. Very many of the skaters had evidently gone to atoms for the absence of the band. There was a splendid array of costumes, both patriotic and otherwise. Very many of the skaters had evidently gone to atoms for the absence of the band.

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The carnival committee wish to thank very heartily all who helped to make it such a splendid success, both off and on the ice.

## RURAL MUNICIPALITIES ASSOCIATION WILL MEET IN CALGARY

The following resolutions will be passed on by the Association of Rural Municipalities and Local Improvement Districts at the meeting in Calgary on Feb. 16, 1915:

No. 1. L.I.D. No. 548—that a record be kept of all brands and marks on cattle brought to packing plants, or other markets, together with the name and address of the seller of the cattle, and that such records shall be

open to inspection at the request of any owner of cattle.

No. 2. That the Government require that a full postal address of the owner of any real estate shall be given, when a title to such property is registered.

No. 3. R. M. Mountain View No. 310—that penalties on taxes be added on the first day of December and on the first day of June in each year.

No. 4. R. M. Roach No. 306—that the assessment of schools in districts be altered so that the school tax should be a flat rate.

No. 5. L.I.D. No. 342—that the Association of Local Improvement Districts and Rural Municipalities retain an attorney whose services shall be at the disposal of the various Local Improvement Districts and Rural Municipalities of the Province; that the services of the said attorney shall be paid for at a fixed annual salary, levied on every Local Improvement and Rural Municipality in the Province.

No. 6. L.I.D. No. 341—that this Council suggest that the annual meeting and nomination day for the Local Improvement Districts be changed from the first Monday in January as near the 10th of January as possible, as, owing to the present date, the Secretary-Treasurer has, invariably to have a special annual meeting statements two or three days before December 31st, whereas if the date was changed as suggested, the Secretary-Treasurer would have time to make up and mail his statements after the 31st of December, the close of the year.

No. 7. L.I.D. No. 70—WHEREAS an amendment has been made to the Morrissey West Ordinance, whereby the residents on, or owners of, lands adjoining road allowances are compelled to destroy all weeds on said road allowances, it is

RESOLVED that this convention request that a further amendment be made to the Ordinance empowering the councilor of each division of a Local Improvement District to enforce the law re said weeds on all road allowances and surveyed front in his division.

No. 8. L.I.D. No. 519—WHEREAS the time between the 31st December and the first Monday in the New Year does not give sufficient time to get out the financial statements to the returning officers;

Therefore be it resolved that we petition the Provincial Government that the L.I.D. Ordinance be amended to allow of the nominations taking place on the second Monday and the polls on the third Monday in January.

No. 9. RESOLVED that the L.I.D. Ordinance be amended to allow three dollars per day for councillors attending council meetings.

No. 10. WHEREAS considerable confusion is caused by a title for land being given before all taxes are paid thereon;

Therefore be it resolved that we petition the Provincial Government to have the Land Titles Act amended, making it imperative that all the taxes be paid prior to a title being transferred or a registered agreement of sale being given.

No. 11. L.I.D. No. 519—WHEREAS considerable difficulty is experienced by secretaries-treasurers of L.I.D. Districts and Rural Municipalities in keeping track of the owners of lands,

Therefore be it resolved that we petition the Department of Agriculture Affairs to supply each district and municipality with particulars of changes of ownership within three months of such change.

No. 12. R.M. Keoma No. 249—WHEREAS the banking monopoly of Canada is one of the greatest deterrents to the promotion of the farming industry in Western Canada, and

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No. 14. L.I.D. No. 456—WHEREAS we consider that the election in Local Improvement Districts as at present are held at an inopportune and inconvenient time, on account of cold weather and the fact that many ratepayers are absent at the time of year, we, the Council of Local Improvement Districts 455, do, and that the minister of Lands and Forests be requested to postpone the elections at the same time of year as those in Rural Municipalities to be seriously considered and placed before the proper authorities for amendment as to such change.

No. 15. L.I.D. No. 374—As we are all aware, a big percentage of the L.I.D. taxes rush into the secretary's office the last few days of the year, it is important that no statement be issued to the ratepayers prior to the first day of January, and as it is impossible for the secretary-treasurer to prepare the financial statement after the 31st day of December and send same over to the returning officer at the time of nomination, being the first Monday in January, we believe this can be amended by removing the nomination day until the second Monday in January, and thereby giving ample time to use the mail service and at the same time give the ratepayers a correct statement to the end of the year.

No. 16. R.M. Success No. 336—RESOLVED that Section 126, Clause 3, of the Rural Municipalities Act, be amended by striking out the words "or less."

No. 17. RESOLVED that Section 407 of the Rural Municipalities Act be so amended as to allow nomination of councillors to be held two or even three weeks prior to election.

RESOLVED that we respectfully request the Provincial Gov-

## Orange Celebration for Lacombe

The annual meeting of the Red Deer County Lodge was held last week, when officers and delegates were present representing the following lodges—Lacombe, Red Deer, Innisfail, Olds, Blackfalds, Elmoira, Peabody and Clive.

Encouraging reports were received from all the lodges. Elmoira Lodge reported having built and opened their own hall.

The case of an aged R.A.P. brother in distress was reported and a handsome collection was immediately taken up.

The Rev. James Deason, of Olds, and Bro. E. E. Matthias, of Blackfalds, delivered the R.A.P. lecture in fine style.

A petition was presented by Bro. T. E. Dagg, signed by all the leading tradesmen of Lacombe asking for a county celebration to be held in Lacombe on July 12. The Lacombe brethren promised to give the visitors a royal time and invited every lodge in the county to co-operate. The invitation was accepted by a unanimous vote.

Bro. Rev. E. T. Scragg moved, and Bro. Fred Sisons seconded, "that this County Lodge pledges itself to support the coming prohibition campaign in Alberta and urges all Orangeans to exercise their vote and influence in favor of a dry vote at the provincial election next July."

Evidently the officers of this county are not afraid to show their colors in favor of temperance and moral reform.

It was agreed to hold the next county meeting at Olds on June 14.

The Grand Lodge of Alberta will hold their annual meeting in Red Deer on March 16 and 17.

Blackfalds Lodge were requested to provide a concert for the closing session on March 17, and Rev. Bro. F. E. Davies promised on behalf of the lodge to put on an entertainment worthy of the occasion.

The officers for the ensuing year were elected and installed, and the meeting closed in due form.

## ROYAL NORTHWEST MOUNTAIN POLICE

Information regarding the following persons is asked for:

JOHN OLSEN, who left his homestead, the S. W. 2-6-20 W4th, last spring to work on the A. & G. W. Railway, and left to seek employment along the G. T. P. Railway last September. Worked at the Evans Bush Coal Mine, 70 miles west of Edmonton, in November last; 22 years of age; Swede. Brother, Fred Olsen, of Flat Creek, asks.

CHARLES H. RUNKE—Mr. L. Runke, of Wilder, Minn., asks for news of his brother, Charles H. Runke, who went to Saskatchewan about four or five years ago. Had a homestead at Dom Brook, N. D. About 37 years of age.

TAYLOR—John R. Taylor, of 28 Railway Terrace, Maylands, Western Australia, asks for news of his son, Frank Reeves Taylor, who left Ware, Hertfordshire, England, about five years ago. Last heard of at Manly, Sask., and previous to that from Wiesbaden.

GARNSEY—Sister asks for news of Albert Edward Garnsey, English, who has lived in Edmonton and at Alpland, Mts. 11, B.C. 37 years of age, but looks young.

W. F. G. WELLS, Corp.

BORN.

Vickers—At Lacombe, on Friday, February 5th, to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. P. Vickers, a daughter.





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F. H. SCHOOLEY, PROPRIETOR

### ENORMOUS OVER ISSUE OF DOMINION NOTES

Ottawa, Feb. 9.—The report of the auditor-general, Mr. J. A. R. Fraser, which was laid on the table of the house this afternoon, contained a protest by him against advance of ten million dollars to the Canadian Northern railway, and of six million dollars to the Grand Trunk Pacific, in the form of Dominion note issues. This is apparently part of the over issue of Dominion notes in regard to which there has been considerable discussion in the press recently.

The amounts were secured by pledge of part of the securities of the railways guaranteed a year ago by parliament. The issue of notes was placed to the credit of the minister of finance in two chartered banks and advances were made out of these accounts. The protest of the auditor-general is based on the fact that in neither case was the action authorized by parliament. He, therefore, declined to sign the certificates. The correspondence does not go further, but presumably the protest was overruled by the treasury board.

The auditor-general also objected to the charging of \$24,620 for the expenses of the minister of militia and a number of officers to the British army maneuvers in 1913 to annual military drill.

### WHAT THE ALLIES ARE DOING

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Contrary to general impression, the allies are now occupying more German territory than the Germans are occupying territory of the allies. The New York Evening Post, estimating the situation a week ago, says that against Germany's occupation of Belgium and Northern France, in the west, is to be put on the sides of the allies, only some 100 square miles of German territory in Alsace. Russian occupation of enemy territory, however, adjusts the balance. On the East Prussian frontier Russian forces are established along a narrow strip of territory, the area of which may be estimated conservatively as 600 square miles. The total area of Galicia is 30,321 square miles, of which Russia occupies virtually all except the corner west of the Dunajec river. To this must be added the 4,033 square miles of Bukowina, nearly all of which is in Russian occupation, and certain fractions of Hungary and Transylvania, the extent of which we have no means of estimating, but which would not appreciably affect the total. We may, therefore, put the area of enemy's country occupied by the allies, at some figure between 30,000 and 35,000 square miles, which makes the territorial balance slightly in their favor.

### KAISER AND HIS FRIENDS

Hadji Souleyman Mounir-Ul-Hah, writing in the New York Sun, explains the causes that underlie such very tepid enthusiasm as the average Turk is now displaying toward the war. The average Turk, he says, is not allowed to read any news except the carefully-prepared sheets issued from official sources. And these sheets assure him that the whole Moslem world is in a blaze and that the Koran has been established in the French capital. Moreover, he has been convinced that the German emperor has become a Mohammedan. Thus we have a news item in The Terdijman-Afker to the effect that "the speech of his Moslem majesty, Chezar Vilyam the Second, delivered last week from the throne of the former house of the French parliament, is a lasting credit to

his wonderful record. There, surrounded by the vanquished, he offered his imperial right hand to all the former deputies of the French, now all representatives, whose hearts were touched by his Moslem majesty's magnanimity." Another Turkish newspaper, with an even more peculiar name, announces that all the Belgian churches have been turned to mosques, and that "all the Belgian people have confessed the true faith," while another "wireless from Amsterdam informs the faithful that the British government has offered 2,000 donkey loads of gold as indemnity if the mighty fleet of its Moslem majesty abandons its attack on London." But in spite of all this glorious news, the Hadji informs us that the attitude of the Moslem population of Constantinople is one of "suppressed anger."

### RED CROSS NOTES

The Ambulance Fund Committee of Innisfail, acknowledge with thanks the \$75 sent them by the Girl's Patriotic League. This money is being used to help buy a motor ambulance to send to France.

No less than 28 motor ambulances have been donated to the Red Cross Society by the people of Canada to date. The latest addition to this most important branch of the Society's work come from Ottawa, where the local branch of the Red Cross has donated four ambulances. Two of these will be sent to the Duchess of Connaught hospital at Guelph, the remaining three to the Royal Artillery, Major W. Waldo Astor, M.P., who has been generously handed over to the Society by its owner. The other two will be used for the Canadian Overseas contingent, and will be sent to France at an early date. It is impossible to overestimate the value of these gifts, for motor ambulances is one of the most important adjuncts of the field hospital.

The Indians of Canada are doing their share on behalf of the soldiers of the Dominion in a splendid manner, and recently the headquarters of the Society received a gift of 25 pairs of socks from the Indians on the reserve at Winton, Ontario. This gift was sent to the Patriotic League of that town with the directions that the parcel be not opened until it had reached the head office. The Indians of the Blackfoot and Muskeg, Alberta, have also given generously to the Society, and more gifts from descendants of the early inhabitants of this country will be warmly welcomed.

At a recent banquet held at Pittsburgh, Pa., U.S.A., five gentlemen subscribed \$25 each to the Society, and thus the Red Cross Society benefits by \$125 through the generosity of these citizens of a nation that feels for the empire in the great work that it is now called upon to undertake for the freedom of mankind. From the Alberta branch of the Society has arrived a further sum of \$2,000, and from the Postmasters' Association of Canada, with headquarters at Ottawa, \$1,000 was received.

The Society is still in need of socks, shirts and knee caps. In accordance with the wishes of these articles will be furnished on application in writing to the Canadian Red Cross Society, 77 King Street East, Toronto.

The life of a pair of socks is short both in the trenches and in the training camp. It is hard for the general public who are not cognizant of the actual daily existence of soldiers both at Salisbury Plain and in Flanders to realize what an enormous number of comforts are needed for the brave men who are now fighting for the empire and those who will be fighting later on. It is necessary for a steady stream of goods to reach the offices of the Red Cross in order that our many soldiers may be kept as comfortable as circumstances will permit. This stream must never lessen, and now is the time to act.

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forces now at the front. Writing from France to the Red Cross Society, they say: "We send our hearty good wishes for the success of the Society which has already done so nobly for our sick and wounded soldiers who have lost their patriotic and whose patience under trial must be seen ere they can be realized."

Hitherto the public have responded generously to the appeals

on behalf of the Red Cross,

and for motor ambulances and the equipment of hospital beds. But who can foresee the duration of this terrible struggle? Who can measure the suffering which remains to be assuaged? It is a great and noble task to which the Society has put its hand. The money subscribed is carefully administered and the arduous task of organization is performed by men and women of science of a forethought born of affection, everywhere an absorbing desire to render public service.

Comforts of all kinds, especially shirts, socks and knee caps are greatly needed now. Thousands of these are required if the valiant soldiers from Canada are to be kept in anything like comfort in the damp and dreary trenches of Flanders. These comforts may be sent to the headquarters of the Society, 77 King Street East, Toronto, Ontario.

The following is an extract from a letter received by Mrs. Lett from Calgary showing how urgent in the need for Red Cross supplies:

"How long will the Red Cross work last?" is a question with which all Red Cross workers are familiar. "Are there not almost enough of supplies?" The Red Cross work will continue as long as the war lasts, perhaps longer. When our nurses take the oath of allegiance before leaving for active service, they swear "to serve throughout the war, and for six months after it." His Majesty should require them. The Red Cross work lasts as long as the need is there, the demand for supplies is increasing, not decreasing. Today the list reads: bandages of all kinds, pads, bed linens, convalescent suits, bed jackets, pyjamas, night shirts, socks, pneumonia jackets, dressing gowns, day shirts, towels, blankets and above all, money, money for medical supplies, the absence of which means death or untold sufferings to our men. If you could read of those hospitals, as our doctors and nurses write of them; if you could see as they do the pitiful condition of the wounded—wounded amongst whom your own may soon be—women of Canada, not some, but all of you would count it a glorious privilege to lead your uniting efforts in this merciful mission of imperial service. Men of Canada, your means are easily found to earn a splendid interest in the business of war, which is prepared to spend herself unflinchingly for the cause of patriotism and humanity."

We need supplies and supplies and then more supplies and more—and some more." Extract from letter of Canadian Red Cross Commissioner. "We recommend the first claim of the Red Cross to all as a great opportunity for national service."

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"A ship's captain to capture if a British cruiser is improperly armed, says a naval writer in the Daily Chronicle, would be hostile act toward the United States. To an American liner with her passengers and crew would be an act of piracy that would almost inevitably mean war."

To the German proclamation itself, "Any attempt by the Ger-

man to ignore the strength of its paper

blockade," says a naval writer in the Daily Chronicle, "would be a hostile act toward the United States."

That the United States will make formal protest against the German decree upon its receipt at Washington is deemed certain

by Admiralty officials proffered confidence today that neither America nor any other strong neutral power would respect what they called a "paper blockade" of the British coast.

In some quarters it was suggested that the United States might join with other neutral powers in a formal protest to Germany.

"By rules of international law

the customs of war and the dictates of humanity it is obligatory upon a belligerent to ascertain the character of a merchant vessel and cargo before capture.

Germany has no right to disregard

that.

"To destroy a ship, non-combatant crew and cargo, as Germany announced her intention of doing, is nothing less than an act of piracy of the highest degree."

London, Feb. 7.—The British

steamship Lusitania, of the Cunard

Line, which sailed from New

York Jan. 30, and arrived at

Liverpool Saturday afternoon,

flew the American flag from the

time she passed Queenstown until

she entered the Mersey. This

is vouches for by American pas-

sengers who crossed on her.

The Lusitania received a wire-

less message from the Baltic,

of the White Star Line, that two

submarines had been sighted

from that vessel.

The captain of the Lusitania,

in reply to questions of one of

the passengers, declared that he

had a right to fly the flag of a

neutral to protect passengers and

mails, which his ship was carrying.

After being delayed by heavy

winds which raised seas deck

high and injured the passengers

on gratings. Stop all deck

mails without heat, soldering

iron or tools. Agents costing

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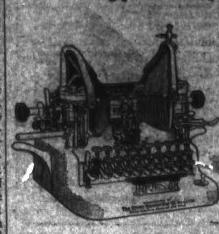
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# The War's Progress

During the past week nothing of great importance has been reported from any of the fields of war. In France and Belgium the opposing forces have held each other in close check, no decisive advantage to either side being recorded. In the eastern theatre of war the operations have resembled those in the western field. The Germans seem to have been permanently checked in their attempted advance on Warsaw, while in East Prussia and in the Carpathians nothing of an unusual nature has been reported. Indeed, the entire conflict furnishes only one point of exceptional interest. That is to be found in the development of the German policy to destroy British merchant shipping by employing submarines against it. The loss of several British merchant vessels has been reported, while there is a suspicion abroad that greater losses have been sustained and not reported.

This new policy of the Germans has caused very general criticism throughout the world—but we cannot see that it is well founded. Indeed, while it is annoying, irritating and costly to a degree, it is not easy to see in what regard there is anything more illegitimate in submarine attacks on British merchant shipping than there is in the attacks of ordinary cruisers and destroyers upon the same shipping. If the Germans were to sink merchant ships without first removing the crews, they would be guilty of acts of pure savagery. As, however, they have not been accused of this conduct, it does not seem that we have any right to look upon submarine attacks on our merchant marine as anything but ordinary acts of war.

These attacks on British shipping will probably lead to the adoption of a policy that will eventually prove to be more advantageous to the allies than anything yet adopted. By that we mean that they will probably force the British and French governments to adopt in retaliation measures that will effectively blockade those ports of Europe that are now used for smuggling supplies into Germany and Austria that the enemy will be crippled at a much earlier date than would be the case if our present milk-and-water policy should be continued. There is not the slightest doubt but that a desire to consider the interests of the manufacturers and merchants of neutral countries has led Great Britain into permitting supplies to reach Germany and Austria that would have been seized without a moment's hesitation, had it not been for this sentimental consideration.

As month after month drags on it becomes more and more evident that Italy has no intention of entering the war on the side of the allies. As this conviction dawns upon us, the statement made by The Globe some weeks ago in regard to Italy's position becomes more thoroughly justified. In the statement referred to we ventured the opinion that neither Germany nor Austria was in the slightest degree surprised when Italy failed to join them against France, Russia and Great Britain. We stated that both Germany and Austria must have recognized the fact that no Italian government would have the courage to attempt to plunge its country into a war against France and Great Britain when the sentiment of the great masses of the Italian people so strongly favored those countries. We also pointed out that, knowing this, Germany and Austria had probably arranged with the Italian government before the war ever started that Italy should remain nominally neutral, while ac-

tually it would render its allies the greatest possible service by keeping its ports open for supplies that would be transhipped into Austria and Germany. That this is what Italy is doing there now seems to be little doubt. The enormous increase in Italian imports since the outbreak of hostilities lends support to this theory. The abnormal scarcity of food supplies in Italy seems clearly to point to huge shipments of such supplies to our enemies from Italy. The recent placing of such food supplies on the free list by the Italian government also strengthens the conviction that that government is putting forth every effort to feed Germany and Austria, even at the expense of its own revenues from the customs tariff.

For six months past the allies have been "boiled" by Italy and Roumania into believing that almost any day both countries would join them in the fight against the common enemy of civilization. By keeping up this pretence Italy has been of the greatest service to the Austro-German combination. She has succeeded in keeping her ports open when the closing of them would have meant disaster to our enemies. Roumania has been even more successful. She is reported to have succeeded in obtaining a loan of \$25,000,000 from Great Britain—and since the taking of that loan, supplied from her capital rather freely, admit that she has no intention whatever of taking any part in the war.

We have no reason to be surprised that the allies should be imposed upon thus by so-called neutral Europe. It has always been the easiest thing in the world for any unscrupulous nation to impose upon Great Britain. Surely, however, now that she has had ample time to see how her lenient policy toward neutral industry has been abused, the mother country will at last arouse herself, discard sentimental nonsense and clasp such an effective blockade on European ports as will eliminate the possibility of our enemies using those ports for the obtaining of supplies without which they could not for very long continue to make war upon us. Great Britain probably will be sporting such an unusual degree of heresy as to convince herself that even in a war that is being waged against savages, the Marquis of Queensbury's rules should be discarded. It is not likely, however, that the present conflict will be permitted to continue much longer with its bombardment of unfurnished summer resorts, its dropping of bombs on undefended women and children, its submarine attacks on hospital ships, etc., etc., without John Bull reluctantly coming to the conclusion that it is time for him to take off his boxing gloves, to throw away the rules book, and to reach for the first convenient brick pile at hand.

There seems to be a tendency in Canada to attach undue importance to the act of criminal folly committed by a German resident in the United States, who attempted to wreck a bridge on the Canadian Pacific Railway between Canada and the United States. Sensational newspaper correspondents have attempted to magnify this incident into a serious international problem. As a matter of fact, it is of no more importance than is the destructive work of any other fool who tries to wreck trains or banks for the purpose of revenge. Indeed, when the whole case is finally investigated, it will be in either the United States or the Canadian courts, it will probably be found that the would-be wrecker is some self-demented person of the same type as the maniac who shot ex-President Roosevelt two or three years ago. That such persons should be punished, or at least put permanently under restraint, is a wise measure. But the idea of committing such an act of folly to lead to international complications is extremely absurd. The dynamite crank will undoubtedly be treated just as all other dynamite cranks have been treated in the past. If he should escape extradition from the United States, he will be punished by the American authorities. If Canadian law once gets him in its clutches he will probably meet the same fate as overtook those other dynamite specialists who attempted to wreck a canal in Ontario a number of years ago. In any event, it is safe to predict that his pun-

ishment either in Canada or the United States will be such as will discourage others.

"I DIE, BUT I AM HAPPY—FRANCE WILL TRIUMPH."

Paris, Feb. 5.—The *Temps* publishes the following story on the death of Gen. Bridoux taken from the notebook of an army surgeon just returned from campaign in Germany:

"I passed yesterday through one of the most touching experiences of my life," says the surgeon's notes.

"General Bridoux, in command of our cavalry corps, died in my arms. I have seen many deaths in twenty years, and I have read of the death of Plutarach and of the generals of the empire, but I am convinced that so noble a soul as that of General Bridoux has rarely animated a mortal."

"The battle was raging in a fog so thick that one could see no further than 200 yards. In order to better watch the operations, the general and his staff went *appropos* to the lines to reconnoiter. Coming into clearing the party scattered a heavy musketry fire from a party of Germans concealed fifty yards away in a thicket. Two dragoons and two ordnance officers were killed outright before the cavalry escort could intervene and drive the Germans away. General Bridoux took his seat with his hand to his breast. A bullet had shattered his shoulder, penetrated and pierced a lung.

"We carried him into a log hut in the thicket. 'I suffer,' he exclaimed. 'I feel very ill.' Then he talked of his wife and children to the chaplain, but to us he spoke only of the army, of his soldiers, of his corps of cavalry that marches without horses and of which all the men are heroes."

"General Buisson, who commanded a division under General Bridoux, arrived. 'M. de Buisson said the dying man: 'I am almost happy because that will give you a command of which you are worthy. Don't forget that our role is to advance. Always advance, and that we should do all the harm possible to the invaders who seek to annihilate our beautiful France. I have confidence in the final victory and I regard to have contributed so little to it.'

"I joyfully for my country," he resumed after a paroxysm. "Tell the cavalry corps that the sacrifice of my life should serve as an example." Another paroxysm, another brief interval and the general expired with these words on his lips: "I die—I am happy—my country will triumph."

LIKE WAVES OF SEA THEY MOVE ON STONE WALL OF CZAR'S MEN.

Petrograd, Feb. 5.—Not since the battles around Lutzen, in Russia, Poland and the early days of December have the Germans delivered such vicious attacks as those of yesterday, when they attempted to break through the Russian line near Borjomi. Probably never before in the eastern arena of the war have there concentrated such a force upon a single point.

In a distance of six miles, between Humin and Borjomi, the Germans threw 105,000 infantrymen, together with heavy forces of cavalry. The whole supported by 100 batteries of artillery, comprising in all, no less than 600 guns. It is estimated that in this short line there were nearly 30,000 men to the mile, coming on in ten or twelve lines like the waves of the sea.

The Russians, warned by the attacks of the previous days in the same vicinity, have concentrated correspondingly massive forces to resist the German advance. So close were both sides packed in this narrow space that the artillery became practically useless.

The battlefield was a flat plain, uninhabited by either trees or houses. The latter already had been demolished by shell fire. The Russians met the German advance with rifle fire and the bayonet, the first lines struggling forward and backward from trench to trench.

At some places the trenches were only a few hundred yards apart.

The closeness of the line made

the fighting extremely sanguinary. Whole companies were exterminated. The most desperate German resistance was at Wolaszydowice, which the Russians succeeded in taking at 10 o'clock in the morning, after a fight which lasted all night.

Prussia's editor states that in the German camp the decision chosen to head this undertaking was dubbed the "division of death," since it appeared to be a foregone conclusion that none would survive.

Russian military observers, with the meagre details before them, are likening this fight to the battle of Borodino, where Napoleon lost his Russian campaign.

The battle of Borjomi is continuing today with virtually unabated violence.

GERMANY HAS LOST OVER TWO MILLION MEN AND WON ONLY ONE VICTORY.

Ottawa, Feb. 8.—In the Ottawa house this afternoon, Premier Borden read a statement reviewing the progress of the war which had been prepared by the British Colonial Secretary, Right Hon. Lewis Harcourt.

Mr. Harcourt's statement was in part as follows:

"Nearly four months have now passed since the first Canadian contingent arrived in the United Kingdom. It was recognized by the Canadian that Canada had sent a fine body of men constituting the most valuable addition to the crown's fighting forces. Training has been continued in the time that has since elapsed and is now practically completed, under unprecedented conditions of climate, which have involved discomfort in spite of every effort on the part of His Majesty's government to alleviate the hardships, but they have been borne by the contingent with a cheerful resolve that augurs well for their endurance of the arduous conditions of actual active service."

The contingent was inspected by His Majesty on Thursday last and His Majesty was much gratified at the marked general improvement since he last inspected the troops, eager and full of royal enthusiasm when left all ranks. The contingent will shortly join their Canadian comrades of the Princess Patricia Light Infantry at the front. These are acquitting themselves in a manner worthy of the great dominion to which they belong, some of them having already given their lives for the great cause for which the empire is now fighting."

Mr. Harcourt then proceeded to sketch the course of the war and thus summarized the condition at the present time:

"On the western frontier the line has remained stationary for several months. In the eastern theatre of war Germany has met with no greater success and the Russians everywhere more than hold their own. The great effort essential to the success of Germany has been directed mainly on success in East Prussia where she gained no single victory. She has lost two and a quarter millions of her best and bravest soldiers, and any fresh effort will now have to be made with greatly inferior and disheartened troops."

"Thanks to the work of our navy, Germany is now finding economic pressure in many ways. In Austria there are still considerable forces in the field, but her troops have suffered severe reverses, both in Serbia and Austria and she can not longer be counted on by Germany as a really powerful ally. Of even less account is Turkey, who has suffered severe defeats from Russian forces in Mesopotamia, and on the Suez canal within the last few days. In a far different position are Great Britain and her allies. The soldiers of France and Belgium, fully confident in the justice of our cause, are burning to clear the soil of their native country from the hated invaders. Russia, whose troops have long fought with indomitable courage, is preparing herself for further great efforts. At war the British navy is supreme and recently has inflicted a severe defeat on the German navy. aided by our gallant Japanese allies, most of the German colonies have already been captured. The power of Great Britain and her allies increases daily in strength, whereas the power of her enemies is distinctly on the wane. The ex-

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interesting situation has been brought about without the vast resources of the British empire having yet been called into play.

"The splendid contingents from our overseas dominions, from Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Newfoundland, etc., in fact from every quarter of the globe, have not yet, with the exception of the Princess Patricia Light Infantry, been engaged. The above with the new armies now perfecting their training in England, should exercise a prepondering influence upon the ultimate decision."

NEW YORK MAKES LOANS TO CANADA

New York, Feb. 4.—According to today's Tribune, the largest loan to a British possession made in the New York market since the edict of the British treasury department that no colonial financing by London bankers will be permitted during the war without a special dispensation, has been arranged with the Province of Manitoba by Kissel, Kinnicutt & Co., a local investment house. The loan will amount to approximately \$5,500,000, and will be at interest of 5 per cent.

It was also announced yesterday that the city of Ottawa has placed a \$1,000,000 loan with New York bankers, independent of a proposed sale of debentures for the same amount, for which bids will be asked for. The arrangement with the Manitoba authorities is expected to be followed soon by additional Canadian financing by New York bankers.

Principal loans arranged to date, including the transaction with Manitoba, aggregate \$110,000,000. Among the borrowers are—Argentina, \$15,000,000; Panama, \$3,000,000; Sweden, \$5,000,000; City of Montreal, \$22,000,000; Switzerland, \$6,000,000; Canadian Pacific Railway, \$12,650,000; Canadian Northern Quebec Railway, \$2,700,000; Province of British Columbia, \$2,700,000.

Belgian and Canadian provincial financed their needs largely in the London market at lower rates than are being asked here. In normal times the present loan with Manitoba, bankers said yesterday, would have been negotiated in the British capital probably as low as 4½ per cent.

HOSPITAL SHIP'S NARROW ESCAPE.

Southampton, Feb. 5.—The British hospital ship Asturias, which narrowly escaped being torpedoed by a German submarine off Havre a day or two ago, arrived here this afternoon. It had some wounded aboard.

Members of the crew say that a catastrophe was prevented by the prompt action of the captain, who, observing the white track made by the torpedo, altered the course of his vessel.

The Guardian is prepared to handle all kinds of commercial printing, including envelopes, letter heads, bill heads, business cards, circulars, handbills, posters, etc.

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Dr. Simpson will give an address next Monday night to St. Andrews' Young People's Guild on "Patriotism," illustrated by national songs.

There will be a concert in the U.F.A. hall, Spruceville, on Tuesday evening, Feb. 23rd, in aid of the church fund. All are invited.

The secretary of the Red Cross Society gratefully acknowledge the receipt of \$15, being part of the proceeds of the ice carnival on the 8th.

A valentine social will be held in the Methodist church on Monday, Feb. 15. Everybody welcome. Leagues especially requested to be present. Admission, ladies, a valentine.

The Chief of the Fire Brigade wishes us to inform the citizens of Lacombe that in future fire calls should be sent in to Const. Miller's residence or by going to fire hall and ringing the bell.

About eighty attended the W.C.T.U. sleigh drive to the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Flack. The evening was all that could be desired and the entertainment was much enjoyed by all present.

The Shetland pony donated to the Patriotic fund by the late Chas. Watkins, was won by Del Garland—15 being the lucky number. The sum of \$67 was netted

by the contest, which, with the permission of Mrs. Watkins, has been handed over to the Cross Society.

#### THE PEALER CASE

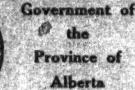
The friends of Walter Pealer will be glad to see him around Lacombe again and to know that Mr. Justice Hyndman of the Supreme Court of the Province found him not guilty of the serious charge laid against him. It is some considerable time now since Pealer was arrested, and his trial had been postponed for various reasons, but in the meantime those handling his defense had been quietly collecting little scraps of evidence here and there, and these, when joined up into one chain, were used with telling effect against the prosecution.

In commenting on the case, the judge agreed with what had been told of Pealer's good reputation, and the respect in which he was held in the community. He was satisfied that the girl's story was an improbable one, and with the other evidence brought by the defense, it was not, in his opinion, possible. The judge stated that he would not say what he really thought about the moth-

er's evidence, but the father's story he could excuse.

Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Switzer, Dr. Simpson, Dr. Hynes and others were present, and when Pealer stepped out of the dock, he was congratulated.

The defense was conducted by Mr. H. H. Robertson, barrister, Edmonton, and Mr. J. B. McBride.



#### Notice to Steam Engineers

Notice is hereby given that examinations will be held at the undermentioned places by John Douglas, a duly appointed Inspector of Steam Boilers for the Province of Alberta.

Red Deer, March 6th. Fire Hall.  
Wainwright, March 11th, Criterion Hotel.

at 9 o'clock a.m.

for the purpose of giving Engineers and Apprentices an opportunity of qualifying for Certificates under the provisions of 'The Boilers Act,' 1912.

Persons not already registered in the Province who may desire application forms, can obtain same by applying to the Department, or to the above named Inspector, and such application form must be properly filled out, witnessed, and declared to before a Commissioner or Justice of the Peace before an examination can be granted.

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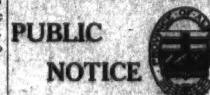
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A. Siting of the District Court will be held at Lacombe on Wednesday, February 24th, commencing at 10 o'clock a.m.

Dated at Edmonton, February 12th, 1915.

J. D. HUNT,  
Deputy Attorney General